

By the Kings Maiesties Commissioners, for  
granting free VVarrens, and other things of that nature.



**T**HE K I N G S most Excellent Maiestie tending the quiet, ease, and contentment of his leuing Subiects: A N D for the better preseruation of each mans Game of all sorts in their owne lands and possessions, from common hunters, Potchers and the like: which his Maiestie vnderstanding diuers of his Subiects are desirous off, hath been gratiouly pleased to graunt his Commission vnder his great Seale of England, directed to some of his learned Counsell & others, whose names are subscribed, for compounding and agreeing with all such as will compound for free & Charter Warren, to be graunted to them and their Heires vnder the great Seale of England: A N D for erecting Parkes and Warrans, in each mans severall possessions: A N D for renewing Charters & Graunts of that nature, with diuers other benefits, and more ample priuiledges, and spedie remedies by his Maiesties said Graunt, so to be obtained, against such inconueniences of Hunters & Potchers, more then the common or Statute lawes, without the helpe of his Maiesties graunt, can yeeld and afford: for Warrens or Parkes are not to be holden or erected but by Charter or Prescription, as by the sayd Commission may appeare.

The Commaund and commoditie of the priuiledge of Chartr'd grounds, and  
warrens, grounded upon lawe and experiance.

1. **I**T doth enfranchise the land, by giuing an interest in the game to the owner of the ground, excludeth all others, who otherwise without the Kings graunt haue as much interest in as the owner: neither will any action lye against a man for taking or killing hys game, or any recouery be had without the Kings graunt, but action of trespassse.
2. It hath great immunitiess and freedomes, whereof other grounds are destitute. 1. Eliz. Ratt. 3.
3. The trespasser shall incurre the payment mentioned in the Kings graunt, which other Warrens want.
4. Warren ground is not subiect to the Statute made against the conuersion of tillage, into pasture: whereby an arable ground out-worne and barrened by corne, may so be unployed to greater benefit, till it be fruitlefull for corne againe.
5. Treaspasses shall incurre imprisonment for three yeares, and make fine and ransome, and put in sureties not to offend a-  
game, and the finall punishment is aburcation.
6. The garden of wards that destroyes or annoies such groundes, shall be punished in wast.
7. The delinquent incurreth the danger of the Statute lawes, and the penalty of the Kings Charter and common lawes.  
The Pattentie or his assignes without malice, may iustifie the death of a wilfull offender, hounting on these licenced  
groundes if he will not submit himselfe to the Kings peace.
1. **I**T is good to all persons and grieuance to none.
2. They be subiect to a suite by the Kings writt of Quo warranto, that keepe and maintaine Warrens without the Kings  
graunt, whereby he may by his Attorneys generall ceaze their libertyes.
3. The new Pattentie hath full power to punish Potchers and petty hunters by the lawe.
4. The barren and wast groundes may be won to be fertill, and gained to be severall and good.
5. This kind of ground will be made fit for Tillage, and fruitlefull for corne, & not subiect to the Statutes for decaying tillage.
6. The feare of these punishments, hereby to be inflicted will keepe mens groundes in quiet.
7. It shall be an occassion to preserue mens hedges, corne, and sheepe, more free from petty hunters, Potchers, &c.  
The charge of passing this graunt vnder the Seale, shall not be great, as in other Cases.  
The Office hereof is kept at Sir Henry Bretons house in Drury lane next the signe of the Griffine nere Drury house where  
you shall haue further satisfaction and direction herein.

The Commissioners for this graunt.

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